

Appl. S.N. 10/065k,813
Amdt. Dated Jan. 5, 2006
Reply to Office Action of 10/05/2005

RD-28,668-1

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

This amendment is responsive to the Office Action mailed 10/05/2005 wherein claims 11, 13, 14-15 were rejected under 35 USC §103 (a) in view of Friemel (US 6,537,220) in view of Robinson (US 6,659,954); claims 17-28 were allowed; and, claim 12 was objected to as being dependent upon a rejected claim but was deemed allowable if rewritten in independent form. In this amendment, claim 12 was canceled and 11 was amended. Claims 1-10 are withdrawn. No new matter has been added.

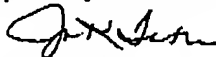
Claims 11 and 13-28 remain pending in this application. Reconsideration in light of the above amendments and following remarks.

Claim 11 has been amended to incorporate the allowable subject matter of claim 12. Claims 13-16 depend directly or indirectly from claim 11. Therefore the rejection of claims 11, 13 and 14-15 under 35 USC 103(a) has been obviated. Therefore, Applicants' respectfully submit that claims 11 and 13-16 are allowable and requests that the rejections under 35 USC §103 (a) be withdrawn.

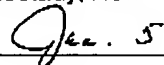
In view of the foregoing amendment and for the reasons set out above, Applicants respectfully submit that the application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and prompt allowance of the application are respectfully requested.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further is needed to place the application in condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to contact Applicants' undersigned representative at the telephone number below.

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